

Minnetonka Senior Citizens  
Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, August 10, 2010  
10:00

**Mission Statement: To develop and promote programs and services in our community, and to meet the diverse needs of those aged 55+.**

Roll Call: Present – Donna Bloom, Connie Cannon, Dave Carroll, Ann Dreier, Lois King, Bill Lurth, Jeanne Lutgen, Chris Meyer, Bev Montgomery, Loy O’Boyle, Staff: Steve Pieh.

Excused: Wanda Griep, Allan Kind, Ron Timm

President Bev Montgomery called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for July were approved.

**President’s Report:** Nothing at this time

**Staff Report:** Steve reported the following:

- Tonight is the last Music-in-the-Park.
- Minnetonka is participating in the use of a Care Giving Web Site. It will list Care Resources, and allow families to link with each other, and help their family’s seniors. It is free and there will be upcoming workshops to explain the site and how to use it.
- Updates on yearly registration for
  - Exercise class ... 176
  - Biking ... 54
  - Softball ... 39
  - Signed up for pork chop dinner on Monday August 16
    - 4:30 seating 71
    - 5:30 seating 118

**Old Business:**

- **Mill’s Landing Update.** About 100 vendors are willing to move and participate in the new location. There will be a grand opening on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Promoting the new site and finding more volunteers is welcome.
- **Fall Fitness Fest is September 15-17.** Brochures are available and help is needed in advertising and spreading the word about the event. A \$10 entrance fee admits a person to as many activities and meals as they wish to attend.
- Goal Setting Meeting set for Monday October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Lake Atrium.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

## **New Business:**

- **City Open House is Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>.** The seniors will serve popcorn, cookies, and lemonade in the Purgatory Creek Room from 5 – 7:40. They will also have a table for information on the first floor.
- **Know your Center Groups**
  - Beginning next month two different senior groups that use the center will attend the meeting and report on what their group's purpose is; where, when and how often they meet; how many are involved in the group; and what needs they may have. We will propose a way to stay in communication, and propose ways their group can give back or help us as needed.
- **Marketing Ideas**
  - A variety of ideas were presented. As more time and thought is needed in this area Connie will call a meeting for those interested in developing a plan. Having a booth at the Farmer's Market and visiting Senior Centers have both been successful.
- **Paid Dishwasher** ... after a short discussion it was decided not to explore this option at this time.
- **Possible New Groups**
  - We discussed Pickle Ball, an active game played on a tennis court, or on any paved area. There is an active group at the Eden Prairie Senior Center, and they would welcome Minnetonka Seniors who wish to try the game. Steve and Jeanne will continue to explore the possibility of beginning a group for Minnetonka.
  - A "Let's Go Fishing" group with the simple mission of "enriching the lives of people who are 55 and older through free fishing and boating excursions that strengthen communities, build relationships and create memories." At this point we need someone who is willing to look into the details of opening a chapter in the area. This could involve other communities. There are 27 chapters around the State of MN but none in the city at this time.
  - A third new group would be Square Dancing. Steve and Chris will explore the idea and meet with Jeannie Strauss of Minnetonka Community Education in Deephaven as a co-sponsor of the event. Another idea is to contact Hopkins Community Education, and to hook up with people who square dance already.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Event Committee** ... Bill reported that there are now five members: Bill, Dave, Donna, Ruby, and Karen. A plan of events and parties for 2011 was presented including dates, entertainer, and caterer.
- **Sunshine Committee** ... Donna sent cards to Joe Apt's family last month, this month cards were sent to Grace Lostetter, Claude Gilbo, and Elaine Rand.
- **CNI Committee** ... Chris reported that the Demographic Forum is Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center. Speakers are Tom Gillaspie, demographer, and Tom Stinson, state economist.
- **Civic Volunteer** ... Jeanne reported that three people attended a tour of St. David's last month. This month three people have volunteered to help Resource West with the Back-to-School drive.

**Steve reminded everyone to check the handouts and flyers on the wall. Copies of the Rules, Regulations and By-Laws of the Senior Citizens advisory board, and Advisory Board orientation information were handed out in preparation for the goal setting meeting in October.**

**Dates to remember:**

**Pork Chop Supper -- Monday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. servings**

**Ole and Lena – Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. supper**

**Cub Brat Weekend – Friday-Sunday September 10, 11, 12**

**Demographics speakers – Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Stinson / Gillaspie**

**Book Sale – Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 9-2 p.m.**

**Goal Setting – Monday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Glen Lake Atrium**

Next Meeting is September 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Lutgen